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Donna Shalala, Secretary

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200 Independence Ave. S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of label requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. If they are paid to protect the public health, this will be a violation of the trust we are supposed to put in this agency. I strongly believe it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

I do not wish to eat any food of this kind and want to be sure that such food is clearly labeled for my protection. This applies to genetically altered food-stuffs as well. The public has to be protected from the food industry which is already selling overly processed foods containing preservatives and coloring which are hazardous to our health. This is another risk to innocent consumers who are not adequately informed about our food supplies.

I hope that you will use the power of your position to support consumers' right to know in regards to this important decision making process.

Sincerely yours,

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